

NOW CHARGED
WITH MURDER

Since H. B. Suydam, His Victim Died To-day

JOHN C. LUMSDEN, SLAYER

The Broker Whom He Shot Saturday Following Altercation Over Money Died in a New York Hospital To-day.

New York, Dec. 21.—Harry B. Suydam, the curb broker, who was shot Saturday while in his office on Broad street by John C. Lumsden, died this morning at the Hudson street hospital. Lumsden has been held on the charge of murder. The shooting followed an altercation over an alleged debt of \$650, incurred in connection with the financing of an electric vibrator company, of which Suydam was treasurer. Lumsden claimed that the money was due him and that an attempt was being made to defraud him. The shooting was witnessed by George A. Downs, a clerk in Suydam's office, and he will be the most important witness at the trial.

According to the account given by Suydam to the coroner, after being taken to the hospital Saturday and corroborated by Downs and the other occupants of the office, Lumsden, upon whose stock in the vibrator company Suydam had obtained a loan, called to demand an equivalent for the stock in question. It was explained that to him that the money had been obtained by the company and for the use of the company and that consequently Suydam could not personally be held liable for it. This enraged Lumsden, it is said, and he demanded immediate payment, threatening to shoot Suydam there and then if what he considered his due was not paid over to him at once. The broker parleyed for a few minutes with Lumsden to gain time, and seeing his opportunity threw both arms around him, calling at the same time: "Downs! For God's sake, grab him! He's going to shoot!" Downs rushed to the assistance of his employer and grasped Lumsden, the three men swayed together for a moment and falling against the window, which was shattered by the blow.

But Lumsden was able to fire twice, one bullet entering the left breast above the heart and the other piercing the right lung. After being rescued from Suydam's friends, Lumsden said he fired in self-defense.

TARIFF IS NEEDED
SAYS CARNEGIE

In Response to Query from Chairman Payne of the House Committee on Ways and Means.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Andrew Carnegie, smiling and chipper, was before the ways and means committee of Congress today to tell all about steel. Chairman Payne quoted Judge Gary of the steel trust as saying that the corporation could make pig-iron for two dollars a ton less than its competitors, and Carnegie was asked: Would the removal of the tariff cripple the independence?

Carnegie replied: "There are more ways of figuring the cost than of killing a cat. America makes the cheapest steel. Gary says his concern does not need the tariff, but the others do. His consideration for his competitors is sublime. It reminds me of the monkey. Christ!"

Mr. Carnegie comes to Washington in response to a subpoena issued by the house of representatives. He declined to appear as a witness at the tariff hearings when Chairman Payne wired him an invitation.

The committee is interested in what Mr. Carnegie has to say about the steel schedule, and summoned him formally. The subpoena was served when he was in Washington a few days ago to attend Jack Abernathy's wolf hunting "catch 'em alive" picture show at the White House.

The members of the ways and means committee are cocked and primed for Mr. Carnegie. The Democratic members, particularly, have a line of questions to ask him. An effort will be made to get into the public records the statements made by Mr. Carnegie in a magazine article recently in which he declared for the reduction of the steel schedule. In this article Mr. Carnegie declared that steel no longer needs the protection of the tariff law.

EXPLOSION OF VARNISH.

Man Was Trying to Soften It—His Wife Fatally Burned.

Cranston, Long Island, Dec. 21.—Charles W. Franklin, Jr., a grocery wagon driver, wishing to soften some varnish yesterday heated the can on the kitchen stove. In an explosion and fire that followed the whole family were burned, the wife probably fatally. Franklin and his two sons, aged two and four years, were burned on the face and arms. Agnes McDonald, a sister-in-law, was scorched about the body. Mrs. Franklin was enveloped in flames and frightfully injured.

BURIED SECRETLY.

To Avoid the Seekers for Sensation in Boston Murder.

MORMONS TO BUILD
HOTEL IN VERMONT

This Will Be Done to Accommodate the Large Number of Mormons Who Visit Royalton Each Summer.

Royalton, Dec. 21.—Junius Wells, the Mormon leader, who with his wife and daughter has been spending several months at the beautiful summer resort on the border of the town of Royalton, recently returned to his home in Salt Lake City. A large number of the Mormon faith spent the summer months at this place.

This organization recently purchased of Mr. Robinson, who is the caretaker of the property, his farm on Dairy hill. This makes an estate of 200 acres which is now in the hands of this company of Mormons. It is their plan to erect a large hotel on the newly acquired property.

A force of men was employed all through the summer in beautifying the Joseph Smith farm. An artificial pond was constructed and stocked with fish. Thousands of shrubs were set out. A part of the forest in its wild state has been set apart and given the name of Sophronia's Glen in honor of Joseph Smith's sister.

It is probable that this part of Vermont would in the near future be the home of a large colony of Mormons during the summer months.

AUTOPSY PERFORMED
ON CHILD'S BODY

Somerville Police Will Demand Prohibitive Bail in Case of Mrs. Kelleher, Suspected of Poisoning Six People.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Higher bail will be asked today in the Somerville police court on the arraignment of Mrs. Mary Kelleher, the woman suspected in connection with six strange deaths in her family. The police will probably demand a prohibitive figure. The body of her twelve year old daughter was exhumed this morning and taken to Harvard's undertaking rooms, where an autopsy was performed by Dr. Swan of Cambridge and Durrell and Arlington of Boston.

Mrs. Kelleher was put on trial in the East Cambridge court today for arson. Lieutenant Gordon of the police said that she had confessed she had been drinking, whereupon the case was thrown out of court. "You're not telling the truth, that's wrong," she was unhandcuffed when taken into court from the electric car. She said that she didn't expect to go back to jail and that she would be glad when it was all over.

CHELSEA.

The most complete line of perfumes, assorted odors, in popular and unique receptacles, and bulk, ever shown in town, fresh from New York, for the holiday trade. Call and see them, A. R. Hood & Son.

Miss Lucy Beckwith went Thursday to West Lebanon, N. H., to spend the winter with her niece, Mrs. Frank Kenner.

Charles E. Godfrey, who has been confined to the house by illness during the past two weeks has so far recovered as to be out of doors again.

Earl G. Thomas has returned from Boston, where he had been the guest of his uncle, Frank Thomas, for two weeks.

Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. E. W. Kent of Randolph were in town last Thursday and Friday and were guests of B. H. Adams, Jr., and wife and W. H. Sprague and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merchant are in St. Johnsbury for two weeks and are the guests of the former's uncle.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Spear have recently received a visit from Mr. Spear's daughter, Miss Florence Spear, who has a position with the New England Telephone Co. as an operator and is stationed at Lebanon, N. H.

Miss Eva F. Jackson of Barre City is spending the Christmas holidays in town the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Sprague.

The many friends of Dr. Fred L. Beckwith will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from a severe attack of rheumatic fever, and is able to sit up a little while each day.

There will be a special communication of George Washington lodge, No. 31, G. and A. M., Tuesday night of this week, at 7 o'clock sharp, for work on the E. A. and F. C. degrees, and on Wednesday evening of this week there will be another special meeting at 8 o'clock sharp for the work of the M. M. degree. Let there be a good attendance.

Per order, W. M.

N. C. Moore, a former resident here for many years but who for the past few years has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Jennie (Moore) Mayall of Paxton, Mass., arrived in town last week for a short stay and is making his headquarters at Henry Clarke's on the West Hill.

The Xmas trees and exercises in town this year will be held as follows: West Hill church, Thursday evening, Dec. 24th; each of the village churches Friday evening, December 25th.

Harold Corwin and Miss Corwin of Northfield, Mass., arrived last week to spend the holiday vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Corwin and Edward B. Hatch of Hanover, N. H., is also spending his vacation with his studies at Dartmouth college with his parents, Dec. and Mrs. W. S. Hatch.

Sir Henry Lawrence of London, England, arrived in town early Friday morning and exhibited the moral courage and ambition to look up the authorities and complained of himself as being a common tramp, and the authorities recognizing the probable truth of his statement and the gravity of the offense sentenced him to the county jail for sixty days.

Elvin Sanborn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winford Sanborn of Barre City came last week to visit his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sanborn, and the family of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry N. Sanborn.

POUR POWDER
IN HOT HOLE

Serious Accident at Quarry Near No. Conway, N. H.

TWO MEN MAY NOT LIVE

Ernest Sawyer and George Munroe Are the Most Seriously Injured at Quarry at Redstone—Accident Happened on Saturday.

North Conway, N. H., Dec. 21.—A very serious accident occurred at Redstone quarry, two miles from here Saturday afternoon, when four men were badly hurt, two of whom it is feared will not live.

It appears that a charge of powder had exploded without the desired effect and the man in charge turned four quarts more of the explosive into the hot place. Before the man could withdraw far enough the powder ignited which caused the accident.

It is feared "Dix" Pennell will lose the right of both eyes. Ernest Sawyer, who lives at Conway, is considered dangerous as is George Munroe, John J. Mackay, a native of Scotland, is somewhat injured but not serious. Redstone is just recovering from a serious conflagration of a few weeks ago, and this latest catastrophe adds to the seriousness of the situation.

42 ARRESTS MADE.

They Were Attending a Coking Main Yesterday.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 21.—In a raid on a coking main in Drecht yesterday, 42 men were arrested, eight or ten more escaping in a dash through a window.

The churches were just closing their morning services and thousands of people were on the streets when the officers and prisoners arrived here. Many of the prisoners were well known and their appearance in custody created a sensation.

In addition to Lowell citizens there were men from Woburn, Lawrence, Nashua, Haverhill and surrounding towns. Thirteen game cocks valued from \$25 to \$45.00 were taken in the raid.

Twenty-eight of the men, many of whom were prominent, were fined \$15 each to-day for cock fighting. Edward Hagan of Andover, Albert Desmarais of Atkinson, N. H., and George Jones of Woburn were each given an additional \$25 for having birds.

HOT AIR EXPLOSION.

Fire in Boston Near The Brookline Line.

Boston, Dec. 21.—Fire early Sunday destroyed the one-story building, Nos. 1,945 to 1,957 Beacon street, near the Brookline town line, owned by O'Brien brothers of Brookline and occupied by the garage of H. G. G. the drug store of C. S. Morry; C. Hunter's market and F. Peterson's shoe shop, causing a total loss of \$45,000. Ten automobiles valued at about \$20,000, were burned. The fire started while Mr. Gavel was filling an automobile tank with gasoline from a can, the cover of which came off, allowing the vapor to be ignited by the fire in a stove. In attempting to remove an automobile Mr. Gavel was badly burned about the legs and several Brookline firemen were blown from ladders by an explosion of hot air and gas, but were uninjured.

FOUNTAIN BLOWN UP.

Gas Explosion at Brockton in Early Evening Wrecks W. C. T. U. Gift.

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 21.—With a roar like the discharge of a cannon, the W. C. T. U. water fountain on Main street was blown up by gas at 8 o'clock last night and completely wrecked. No one was hurt although the street was filled with people coming from the churches. Supt. J. E. Philbrick of the Brockton Gas Light company said the cause of the explosion was probably a "pocket" of gas formed beneath the fountain and ignited by a carelessly thrown match. A gas conduit runs beneath the fountain, and gas probably collected in an underground "pocket" from a leak. The fountain was thrown clear of its foundations into the street and broken parts landed on the sidewalk across the street.

City Marshal Kingman had officers on the scene quickly and a space was roped off to keep the crowd back, and other explosion being feared from escaping gas.

KING NEVER SETTLED.

Testified One Witness in Trial Against the Ex-finance.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The second week of the trial of Cardenio F. King opened to-day. The prosecution is expected to occupy until Thursday and the defense will open a week from to-day. Frederick Conant of Palmer, Mass., testified that he lost \$600 and that King never settled.

A Good Argument.

It is the home merchants that help support your schools, churches and every local institution. It is fair to them to go out of town to trade with one first seeing what you can do at home—Morriaville Messenger.

John Lister of Winslow was before Justice C. W. Devereille Friday and pleaded guilty to conducting a gambling resort. He paid a fine of \$35 and costs of \$5.51. Lister's place was raided Thursday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Henry Todd, who broke up a game, brought away the cards, chips, etc., and placed Lister under arrest.

GRANITEVILLE.

Public dance is Unity Temple, South Barre, Tuesday night, Dec. 23.

TURNED HIM DOWN.

House of Correction Superintendent Wouldn't Accept Martelle.

Burlington, Dec. 21.—Edward Martelle, who was taken to Rutland Friday to serve a sentence in the house of correction, was returned to Burlington Saturday morning and is now in jail awaiting a ruling by the court on the question of where he will serve sentence.

Last month Martelle became intoxicated and stole an overcoat from a pool room on Church street. He was sentenced to serve 30 days in jail for the intoxication conviction and was fined \$30 and costs for petit larceny, the alternative sentence being 135 days in the house of correction at Rutland. He was convicted of petit larceny in November 16 but was obliged to first serve the 30 days for intoxication.

Superintendent D. L. Morgan of the house of correction refused to accept Martelle as a prisoner on the ground that such acceptance would be in conflict with the law recently passed by the legislature, this law being that sentence of a year or less, except for felony, shall be served in the county jail, the law becoming operative December 14 or last Monday, two days before the expiration of Martelle's sentence for intoxication. The legal question will probably be settled today.

DOUBT OVER CAUSE.

Of Death of Mrs. Minnie Ranney of St. Albans.

St. Albans, Dec. 21.—Mrs. Minnie Ranney, employed as a domestic in the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Fox, was found dead in bed at eight o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Ranney, who was about 40 years old was apparently in her usual health and spirits Saturday, and that night had come up to the city to do some Christmas shopping. She returned home on the 9 o'clock car and soon after retired. She was not around at the usual hour Sunday morning and finally Mrs. Fox went to her room and there found her dead. Mrs. W. F. Mason and Arthur Morton were called and after making an examination, decided that the woman had died from natural causes. The stomach, however, has been sent to the state laboratory at Burlington to have the exact cause of death determined. The doctors believe it to be arsenic poisoning.

Mrs. Ranney is survived by a daughter and two brothers and two sisters. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

TALK OF THE TOWN

E. H. Boyce returned Saturday from a business visit in Stowe.

Mrs. Leon Marsh went to Plainfield to-day to visit relatives.

W. E. Dufur went to Northfield this afternoon on a business visit.

L. G. Griffiths returned from a week's visit in Boston Saturday night.

Miss Lena McDonald went to Boston to-day for a week's visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Laughlin of Boston were visitors in the city yesterday.

Peter LeClair, who was injured a few days ago by being kicked by a horse, is able to be out.

W. C. Nye of Washington was a business visitor in the city to-day.

Miss Kate Drew, who has been visiting Mrs. N. L. Jackson, returned to her home in Newport to-day.

The Scotch dance Saturday night was attended by the same jolly crowd, with good music and good dancing.

N. C. Brown, who has been visiting Miss Harriet LaBounty, returned to his home in Middlebury yesterday.

New one and two-dollar bills at the National Bank of Barre and the Barre Savings Bank and Trust company.

Mrs. C. M. Willey went to Northfield this afternoon for a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. John Moseley.

Mrs. H. Kredrickson and Miss Clara Fredrickson of Plainfield visited Miss Jennie Fredrickson in this city to-day.

There was a good crowd at the sale of property by Sheriff Tracy on West street Saturday, and the articles brought good prices.

Queen of the Forest Circle will hold a social party at the Foresters' hall, Worthen block, Tuesday, December 22, at 8 o'clock.

The largest line of art novelties and hand-embroidered work for Christmas gifts can be found at the Art Store, corner of North Main and Pearl streets.

Among arrivals at the Hotel Otis Saturday and yesterday were J. H. Laughlin, Albany, N. Y.; J. Braman, Boston; William Sanborn, Burlington; John Reid, A. F. Kenerson, Chicago; J. P. Marvin, Methuen, Mass.; Charles A. Watter, Burlington; and A. C. Carleton, Burton, N. Y.; H. H. Brown, Albany, N. Y.; 21 members of Al Martin's "Uncle Tom" show, including two dogs.

Word has been received of the safe arrival in Salina, Colorado, of Mrs. Pantan and children, who are to spend the winter there with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hay.

The public Scotch dance late night, Christmas eve, Thursday, 24th, Miles hall, served, sandwiches and cake will be served at 12 o'clock. Broth and case will be given to lady for best Highland schottische; also box of cigars to gentleman for Highland schottische. Tickets 75c couple. Mr. George Fowler, floor manager.

An exceptional program to-day at the Bijou theatre. "Marie Stuart" is the feature picture. It is beautifully colored and shows the principal events in the life of Mary, Queen of Scots. The other pictures are above the average. A new added attraction is C. W. Lawford, a rich baritone singer, who very recently has been with the Castle Square theatre of Boston. He comes here with good press notices and well-endorsed as a popular singer, and should certainly be an added attraction for the Bijou, in fact as well as name.

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MESSENGER PLANT BURNS

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Discovery of Fire. The fire was discovered at 5:30 o'clock in the morning by Col. C. S. Forbes, who had offices in the building and stepped there to await the arrival of the Boston and Montreal sleeper. As Col. Forbes entered the building, he found a dense pall of smoke. He ran to the fire station on the same street and the department responded quickly but the firemen found the smoke so dense that it was seemingly impossible to live in it. The fire at this time was confined to the basement of the jewelry store of B. B. Perkins & Co., which firm occupied the ground floor at the east end of the building.

There was some delay in getting water from the fire hydrant hatched to the one at the head of Kingman on Main street, where the valves were turned the wrong way and not until this trouble was discovered and remedied, was much water obtained from that point. The fire was gaining in fury and intensity all the time and additional lines of hose were run from hydrants on Kingman and Center streets and the basement was flooded with water but without apparent results.

Meanwhile the floor in the jewelry store had begun to burn and lay out spread to the partitions separating it from the Messenger establishment. Here the oil-soaked floors of the mechanical department and the large stock of paper furnished fuel for a quick and raging fire, and although tons of water were poured into the structure at several points, the fire kept working through the building in every direction. It swirled up the staircase and within a short time the editorial rooms, composing rooms, bindery and job rooms were roaring furnaces.

The firemen kept plugging away gamely, and although they worked hard, much of their energy was misdirected and this in connection with the stubborn nature of the fire, made it apparent that the building was doomed. The floor of the Perkins store fell through and shortly after the entire roof tumbled in the building was gutted and the ruin well nigh complete. The fire was not under control until the building was thoroughly burned out.

Adjoining Property Saved.

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HOLIDAY SHOPPERS BUSY.

Started Big Onslaught on Barre Stores Saturday Afternoon.

The holiday trade which had held off coyly, came on with a rush Saturday, and the merchants of Barre had their hands full attending to the crowds of Saturday afternoon and evening. The rush was continued today, and the indications at this time are that Barre people and those in neighboring towns have as much money to spend for Christmas and New Year's as usual. The stores are very attractive with their holiday attire. One thing noticeable about the trade this year is that more than ever people are buying the articles that are serviceable in some capacity or other.

The rush of Christmas is being felt earlier than usual this year by the American express company and last week was the busiest week before Christmas that the local office has ever experienced. During the latter part of the week the teams were worked early and late making deliveries from one end of the city to the other. It was even necessary to keep two teams delivering a part of yesterday that the office might be clear for today's business. Although business has not yet reached its height for outward shipments, the men were kept at work today on both ends of their routes and drivers are taking advantage of their experience of former years and sending their presents earlier.

The rush does not seem to have fully struck the postoffice yet, although today's business was large and Christmas packages are beginning to come.

DAY—SADLER.

Marriage Last Evening By The Rev. P. M. McKenna.

Miss Alice Sadler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Sadler of Church street and Harry Day also of this city were united in marriage at 7:30 last evening by Rev. P. M. McKenna at the parish house. They were attended by Mr. Day is a granite cutter employed in Montpelier. Mr. and Mrs. Day left on the night train for a wedding visit in Montreal and upon their return will reside in this city.

STUDENTS IN PROTEST.

Over the New Form of Diploma in Paris Medical College.

Paris, Dec. 21.—Two thousand students of the medical college were in a fierce riot to-day and fought the police for half an hour. Several were severely wounded, and the ring-leaders were arrested. The riot was a protest against the new form of the diploma.

FCR DOUBLE MURDER.

Connecticut Man Was Hanged at Weatherfield To-day.

Weatherfield, Conn., Dec. 21.—Keogh Seet, who murdered his wife and granddaughter on August 4, was hanged shortly after midnight last night. He made no outcry when he was led to the gallows. The double murder occurred over a quarrel concerning the running of their farm.

MAINE IS GAINING.

Great Increase in Ship-building Operations Reported.

Bath, Me., Dec. 21.—Statistics for the year show that Maine is rapidly regaining her prestige as the biggest ship-building state. An increase of 3,000 tonnage was launched during the year. Those on the ways and others projected will swell the total largely.

COURT MARTIAL OPENS.

To Investigate the Sinking of the Cruiser Yankee.

Boston, Dec. 21.—The court-martial to investigate the sinking of the cruiser Yankee was convened at the navy yard to-day. Commander March and the crew of the cruiser are in attendance. They are all to testify.

THE PROBLEM OF THE HUNGRY MAN.

The problem of the hungry man is not the problem of one people, nor of one era, writes Edwin Markham in the December Circle Magazine; it is the problem of all peoples and all eras. And, after thousands of years, he is still peering hungrily through the windows of civilization. Let us go out into the windy night and look him over. Let us inspect his hands, to see if he has been an idler. No, not an idler—those hands are knotted with labor; and those shoulders are sunken and crooked with the bearing of many burdens. Those are the badges that he bears from the battle; they show that he tried in some ways to meet life like a man.

What shall I do? Send him to the charities? No, that remedy has been tried all these long, sorrowful centuries. On all the street and roads of the world we have been throwing him as occasional crumbs, and still he is with us, lean and hungry as ever. The fact that charity has been tried all these ages without lessening the disease proves that charity is a pitiful failure.

Nothing is worth while unless it unites men, and nothing unites them but justice, affectionate justice. But justice requires that every man should have the opportunity to earn a living by labor. Therefore, the thing to do for a man is to find him work, work at living wages. If there is no work for him under our system of private enterprise—if the crash and rush of competition has crowded him out of his right to live by labor, then it is the duty of society to provide him with that work. He must have bread-labor, for society has forbidden him to beg forbidden him to steal.

Will Adjust Insurance Wednesday.

St. Albans, Dec. 21.—Word was received here today that the insurance

adjusters would be here Wednesday to adjust the fire loss on the Messenger company plant.

R. O. Sturtevant of Swanton says today that he has duplicate proof of all that part of the history of the 13th Vermont regiment in the Civil War which had been put in type and that he has a carbon copy of all that part of the manuscript not yet in type.

The Messenger Co. had installed within a month two new two-revolution presses and has on the way a new linotype machine. Delay in the delivery of this machine saves it to the company.

WAS KILLED

BY OWN GUN

Richmond Man Probably Victim of Accident

Richmond, Dec. 21.—William Thayer, aged 30 years, was accidentally shot by his own weapon yesterday and died within a few minutes, one small bullet entering the heart. He and another man named Root, who was also employed on the farm of Clarence Goodrich, went out to try to round up a flock of sheep belonging to Abe Worthen, a dealer in stock, who had offered the men a dollar if they would bring in the sheep, dead or alive. The sheep had been running wild since last fall and could not be secured.

Thayer and Root were somewhat separated from each other, the latter being at the foot of a ledge and Root being on the top. The latter heard Thayer's weapon discharged and he asked Thayer if he had shot a sheep. Thayer started to walk toward Root and after going a few feet dropped to the ground. Root ran to his companion's aid and found that he was badly wounded. He tried to stop the flow of blood and, failing, ran to the house about thirty rods away for help. Then having secured assistance, he started to carry the injured man to the house. They had not no further than the road when Thayer expired. It was found that one shot had penetrated the heart, another the shoulder and the others scattered in the upper part of the body.

Thayer had formerly worked for Goodrich, but went away to California some time ago. On his return he again went to work on the Goodrich farm and had been there but a short time. He had been twice married, his first wife being dead and he being divorced from the second. He leaves one child four years old. The body will be taken to Milton for interment. He has two brothers in St. Albans, James and Henry.

It is thought that the shooting was caused by the man's slipping. By experiments afterwards it was found that the gun, which was old-fashioned, would be discharged if dropped on its stock. So the supposition is that Thayer slipped and the gun fell out of his hands so that the butt hit a rock. The gun was found about two rods below where he lay when Root got to him.

CUPS ON EXHIBIT.

To Be Competed For at The Coming Poultry Show in Barre.

Twelve of the fifteen prize cups offered by the Vermont Poultry association for its third annual exhibition, which is to be held in Hale's pavilion January 5 to 8, are on exhibition in the window of Fred King's Jewelry store. One of the prizes is a monster silver cup valued at \$100 which is offered by the Vermont members of the Rhode Island club of America for the state championship to be competed for at all shows held by the Vermont Poultry association of Barre, the Vermont state Poultry association of St. Albans and the state fair at White River Junction from Jan. 1st, 1909 to Nov. 1st, 1910. The state secretary is the custodian of the cup and will exhibit it at all of the said shows. The cup is open for competition only to Vermont members of the club and will be awarded to the person winning the most diplomas at the above named